

Our conference concentrates on early modern European and American portrayals of Northern Africa. A special focus is put on Westerners who were captured by Muslim pirates and enslaved in the city-states of Algiers, Tripoli and Tunis but later managed to return and write narratives about their captivity. With these texts, the former captives provide a fascinating and singular first-hand perspective on Northern Africa (the so-called "Barbary Coast") and early Christian-Muslim relations.

The conference language is English.

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Conference Perspectives on Northern Africa in the Early Modern Period: Piracy, Slavery, and Diplomacy

November 13 - 14, 2014
Claudiana (Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 3), Innsbruck

Program

Thursday, November 13, 2014

14:00 - 14:15

Opening Remarks

14:15 - 15:15

Gillian Weiss (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio)
*A Huguenot Captive in 'Uthman Dey's Court: Histoire chronologique
du royaume de Tripoly (1685) and Its Author*

15:30 - 16:30

Carsten Junker (University of Bremen)
Benjamin Franklin: The Poetics of Abolition and the Ruses of Analogy

16:30-17:00

Coffee Break

17:00-18:00

Khalid Bekkaoui (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University, Fez)
*Islamic Otherness and the Ambiguous Quest for Identity in American
Barbary Captivity Narratives*

18:15 - 19:15

Joachim Östlund (Lund University)
*The Barbary Captivity Narrative and Other Stories from Northern
Africa*

Friday, November 14, 2014

9:00-10:00

Magnus Ressel (University of Frankfurt)
*Algerian Captivity and World Literature: The Example of The
Jew's Beech (Die Judenbuche)*

10:00-10:30

Coffee Break

10:30-11:30

Elisabeth Watzka-Pauli (University of Graz)
*The Trinitarians of the Habsburg Monarchy in the 18th Century
and Their 'Redemptions' of Slaves on the Barbary Coast*

All talks are open to the public.